

In re Appln. of Stephan et al.
Application No. 10/573,103
(U.S. National Phase of PCT/FR2004/002271)
Substitute Preliminary Amendment

Remarks

The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed as a substitute for a Preliminary Amendment originally filed with the application on March 23, 2006. Due to a clerical mistake, an erroneous set of claims was submitted together with the English translation of the PCT application as filed, which resulted in incorrect claim identifiers provided in the originally filed Preliminary Amendment.

The present application is a U.S. National Phase of a PCT patent application. The specification has been amended to comply with formal requirements for U.S. patent applications to insert section headings into the specification. Claims have been amended to eliminate multiple claim dependencies and reference numerals therefrom and to further clarify the subject matter for which protection is sought.

No new matter was added by these amendments. The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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